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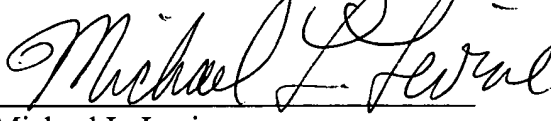
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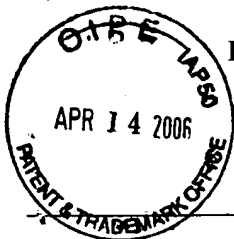
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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